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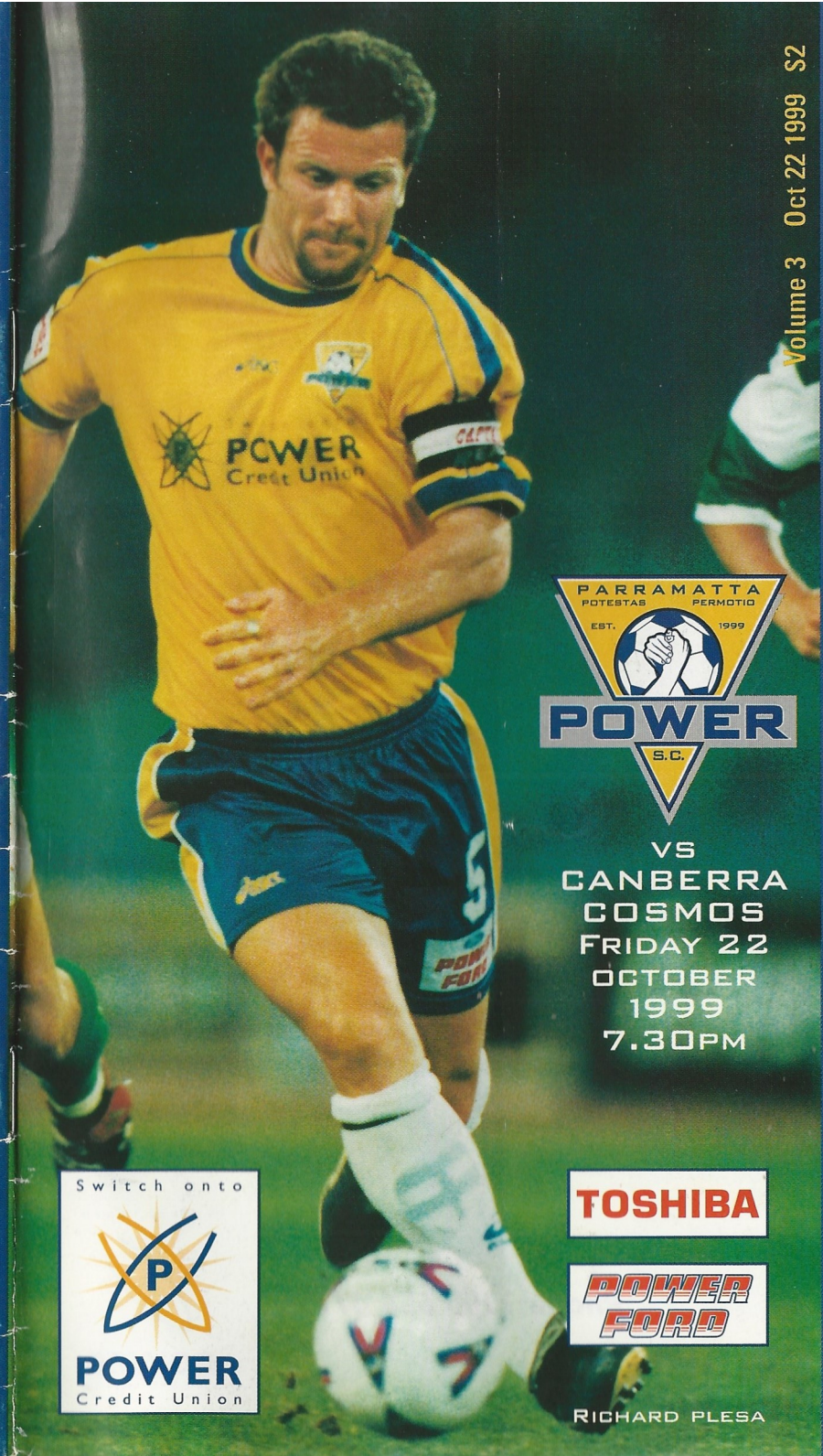

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A warm welcome to everyone tonight in what is a very important game for both sides. Canberra Cosmos, under the guidance of my good mate Tom Sermanni, have already shown this season they are going to be very competitive.

They have much to prove, and in Tom they have a coach that will get the best out of his players. I believe he will do a great job in Canberra this season, which makes this a difficult game tonight.

Both sides are coming off losses and neither would like to fall too far behind the leaders, even though it is still early in the season.

Last Friday night against Adelaide Force, we once again failed to play for a full 90 minutes and we were made to pay for it.

I was particularly disappointed with our first half performance. We started so well but allowed a very determined Force side back into the game, with some sloppy football.

The two goals just before half-time really put us on the back foot and chasing the game in the second half.

What did please me though was our second half performance. We took the game up to them and when Peter Bennett's wicked cross come shot deceived everybody and went in, I honestly thought we stood a great chance to get a result.

Unfortunately Walter Ardone's send off made things hard for us but to the boys credit they kept attacking and we were a little unlucky not to get an equaliser.

Congratulations and best wishes must also go to Mark Byrnes on his selection in the Joeys squad that just left for a six-week tour to South America. It is sure to be a good experience for him.

Finally may you all enjoy the game tonight and hopefully we will come away with a good win for you.

Go the POWER and best wishes

Dave Mitchell

Cover: Parramatta Power captain Richard Plesa on the charge against the Melbourne Knights at Stadium Australia

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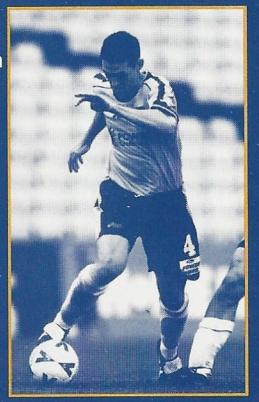

Anyone who witnessed Milan Blagojevic's goal against Melbourne Knights two weeks ago, would be thinking that he had been scoring goals like this for years. But in fact, that 'screamer' was just Milan's second goal in the NSL. His only other goal in the NSL came way back in the 1990/91 season. However it appears that much of the free kick responsibility will fall on his shoulders this season. In Power's first match against Marconi, he forced a marvellous save from the Marconi keeper from 25 metres, while a 30 metre effort early in the second half against the Knights, rattled the crossbar with their keeper well beaten.

Parramatta Power Management are certainly doing everything they can to become the most professional club in the country. Public Relations Manager, Trish Sinclair, as part of a well earned holiday is heading for a host of Premier League clubs, to get some ideas from the best in the business including European Champions Manchester United. Trish is familiar with overseas sporting clubs, having worked with US basketball club, Orlando Magic, before coming back to Australia to take up a position with the Parramatta Eels.

Power's recent signing Mark Byrnes (pictured above) has left on a six-week tour to South America with the Australian Under 17 squad. To tour is an important preparation for the World Junior Championships which are been held in New Zealand.

Late News

Parramatta Power recruit Steve Laybutt has been included in a provisional 27-man LG Socceroo squad that is playing against Brazil in Mid November. The squad will be reduced to an 18-man squad by 7th November.

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CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS

RICHARD PLESA

Having just come off a loss to Adelaide Force it is hard to know where to start with my column.

Sure, the team and I are extremely disappointed by the loss, but the Force are never easy to beat in Adelaide.

We were very competitive and with a little more luck, we might have got something from the game.

So after three games, we have had one win, one draw and one loss, which is not perfect but not too bad. With another 33 games still to be played, it is a long season and we know we have a lot of improvement in us.

It was good to get the win monkey off our back against the Melbourne Knights two weeks ago. We played some good football in the second half and the goal from Milan Blagojevic was a cracker. Along with Peter Bennett's goal in the opening game, Milan's superb free kick will be among the contender's for Goal of the Year.

Speaking of PB, who would have thought that he would be our leading goalscorer after the first three rounds. While his goal against the Force was a little fortunate, no-one from our side was complaining and it got us back into the game.

Unfortunately the momentum that was going our way in the second half was halted by the sending off of Walter Ardone with 20 minutes to go.

The loss does however make the match against Canberra Cosmos a very important one.

Canberra absolutely annihilated Adelaide in Round 1, but since then have suffered two 1-0 losses to Sydney Olympic and Brisbane Strikers.

I have no doubt that Canberra will be a much tougher team to play this season and will be extremely keen to get right away from the wooden spoon position which they have held for the past three seasons.

Robbie Hooker, Jason Polak and Alex Castro bring valuable experience into the side, while Tom Sermanni is very underrated as a coach in Australia, however I am sure he will be determined to get the best out of his players.

The Power players have been working hard during the week to ensure we make an improvement on last week's performance, and I know the players are looking forward to winning at our real home ground, in front of a big and boisterous crowd.

In the first two home games, the few times the 'POWER' chant went around the ground, it certainly gave our players a lift. On behalf of the players, I can only encourage more of it.

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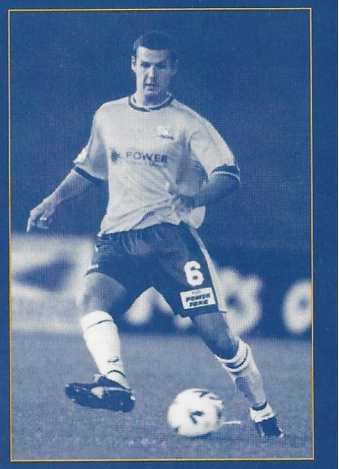

Date of Birth: August 31, 1976
Starsign: Virgo
Nickname: Joey
Height: 195cm
Weight: 92kg
Marital Status: Single
Previous Club/s: Sydney United, Collingwood Warriors, Wollongong City
Playing Position & Number: Stopper & 6
NSL Career Games: 85
NSL Goals: 2
How long have you played soccer: 17 years
Left or right footed: Right
Representative Honours: Australian Under 20's
Favourite holiday destination: Ibiza - Spain
If you were not a soccer player, what would you be doing: Carpenter
What is the best advice you have ever been given: Train hard
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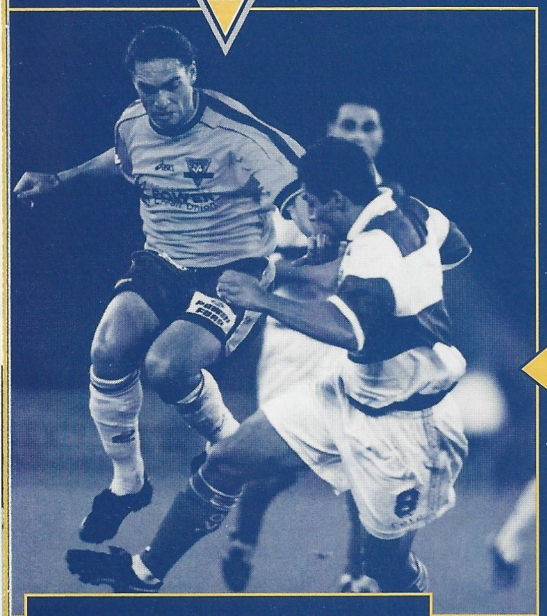
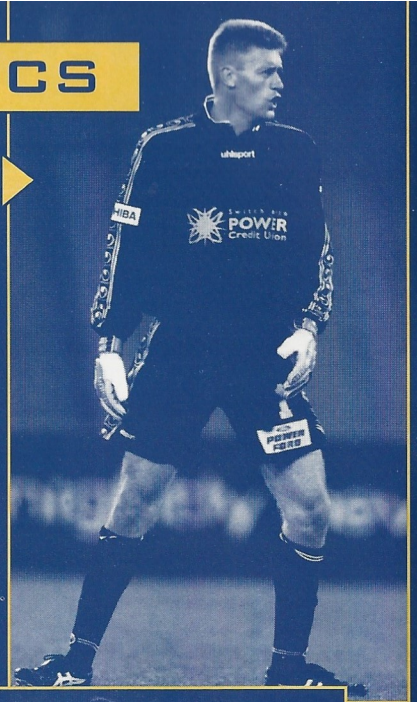
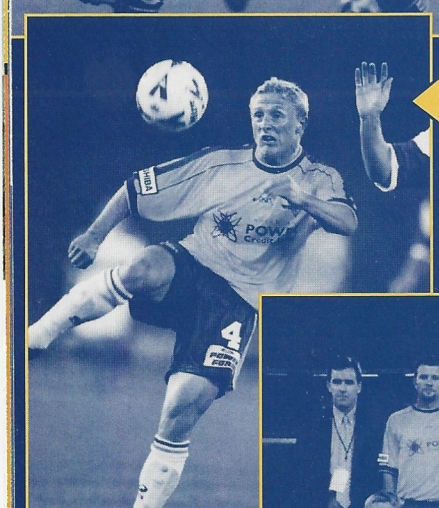


Walter Ardone avoids the challenge of his knights opponent.



Power goalkeeper Andrew Crews lets his defence know what he thinks.



Steve Eagleton has eyes only for the ball.

John Angelucci tries to get a shot in at goal late in the game.

Parramatta Power's team that played in first ever NSL match at Stadium Australia.

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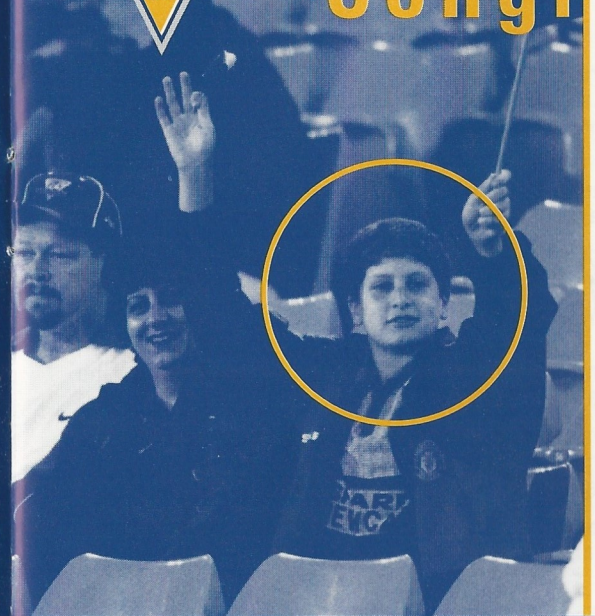

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For any young player, trying to make the grade at their chosen sport, it can sometimes be a very lonely and tough life. It is especially more so, for players if they have travelled away from their family in order to achieve their goals, whether they are from the country, interstate or going overseas.

Clubs know that they must get the best young talent around and invest wisely in their future. Unfortunately many don't succeed because the players are not in the right environment or are left to fend for themselves by the Club.

The philosophy of Parramatta Power Soccer Club since their inclusion into the competition this season, was to be the most professional club in Australia, and it is the little things that may see this happen sooner rather than later.

Four players - Mile Sterjovski, Michael Santalab, Barney Smith and Lachlan Campbell - will certainly testify that Parramatta Power is probably there already.

All four have been put into accommodation purchased by the Parramatta Leagues Club. Michael and Barney share a unit, while Mile and Lachlan live in separate units. All three apartments are very close to one another and are close to the Club and Parramatta Stadium.

"It is a big advantage being so close to the club and ground," said Lachlan, who came to Parramatta from Adelaide. "As I don't have a car, it makes it so much easier to get to training and games."

Barney Smith (left) and Mile Sterjovski (right) at training.

"The club has tried to make it as easy for me as possible and have treated me very well," Lachlan added.

Mile and Michael hail from Wollongong but both had no hesitation in accepting the offer of accommodation.

"Barney and I lived together while at Sydney United last year. Even though for me it wasn't a long drive from Wollongong, I don't like all the travelling, especially if your training every day. It is less taxing on you, if you don't have far to travel to training," said Mile.

Barney, who hails from Canberra and has already had a stint with Brisbane Strikers, believes it is a must to make young players feel at home if they are from interstate.

"Having the other players around is great, as it takes away the loneliness and boredom if you are stuck by yourself. We often take turns to cook for one another , go out together and generally keep each other company."

All believe it is a good grounding for the future especially if you go overseas.

Parramatta Power Chairman Alan Overton, who is also Chairman of the Property Committee, believes this is just one of ways that Power is taking soccer to a new level of professionalism.

"I wouldn't think too many clubs can provide these sorts of facilities for its young players," said Mr Overton.

The Leagues Club in all owns 29 properties, 22 of which are residential units, basically for players of the Parramatta Eels and now Power players. The Club also owns 7 commercial properties in Parramatta as well. Alan estimates the total worth of all properties is somewhere around $27 million dollars.

Mr Overton adds, "It's a big investment by the Club but one which has proven its worth over the years in League and now hopefully for the Power as well."

"It is all part of the learning process for these young boys and if they can learn in an environment which is supportive and friendly, they will become a better and more mature person for it later in life."

The Club's policy also includes a scheme for the very young players (15-16 year olds) where they are put into a family house.

"We have two houses set up for the very young ones," said Mr Overton. "These houses are run by a couple and they act as psuedo parents to the kids, so they are still part of that family environment.

Once we believe they are mature enough, we then allow them to move in with a player a little bit older than them, who usually has been through the same situation."

Plans are already in place for Youth Team Gear Steward and First Grade Co-ordinator, Ray Gerrie, to move into one of these houses at Northmead, where he and his wife will take in several young players from the North Coast, who are coming to train with the Power over the next few months.

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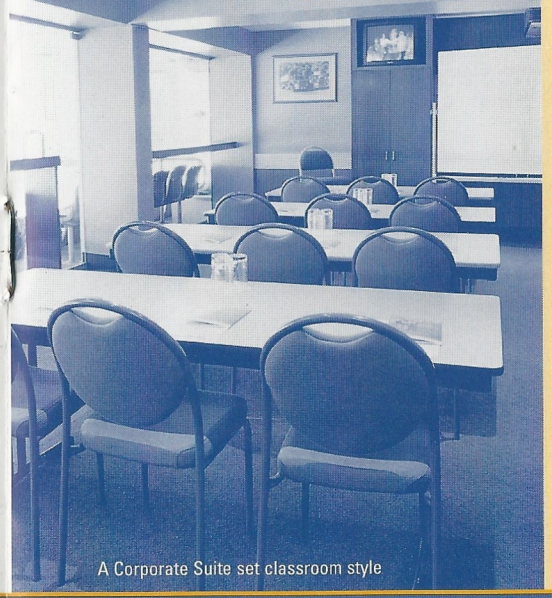
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MATCH REVIEW

V MELBOURNE KNIGHTS

Blagojevic Stuns Knights

Milan Blagojevic capped a fine individual performance with a stunning goal in the 72nd minute, that gave Parramatta Power its first victory in the NSL.

Blagojevic's perfectly placed 20-metre free kick, was a worthy winning goal that earned the Power a 2-1 win over a gallant Melbourne Knights at Stadium Australia.

Blagojevic had shown his free kick capabilities 17 minutes earlier, when he rattled the crossbar from 30 metres, but this time he curled his shot past the wall and into the top right hand corner. Surprisingly it was only Milan's 2nd goal in the NSL.

The Knights however would have left Stadium Australia disappointed they did not get something from the game after having the better of Power in the first half. Power goalkeeper Andrew Crews was forced into saving the Power on several occasions, none more so than just before half time, when he managed scramble the ball away from Michael Reda's foot as he looked set to score.

Parramatta took the lead in contentious circumstances 21 minutes into the game. After a surging run into the box, Walter Ardone, fell under the soft challenge of Jason Vukadin and referee Mark Shield, after a nod from his linesman, awarded a penalty kick, which Mile Sterjovski (pictured above) converted.

The Knights industrious play was duly rewarded nine minutes later, when a corner was nodded on by the Power at the near post and Vudakin, totally unmarked just six metres out, was able to smash his volley home.

Parramatta showed more enterprise in the second half with the Power using their wide men to greater effect, while the Knights were content to hit on the break.

Power Play Best - Milan Blagojevic, Walter Ardone, Andrew Crews

V ADELAIDE FORCE

Power Suffer First Loss

Parramatta Power suffered their first loss of the season, going down 2-1 to Adelaide Force in Adelaide.

Two goals in the last 10 minutes of the first half from Dong Ki Kim and Damien Mori, had the home side firmly in control at the break.

Shortly after the start of the second half, Peter Bennett's attempted cross back into the box, deceived everyone, curling wickedly over the Force keeper and inside the far post.

But just as the momentum had started to go the Power's way, Walter Ardone was given a straight red card with 20 minutes remaining.

Power's Best - Andrew Crews, Milan Blagojevic, Jacob Burns

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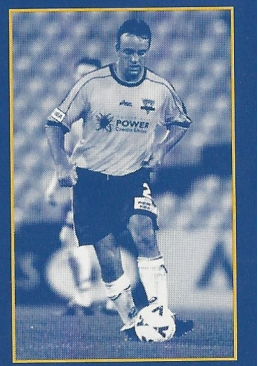
WITH PAUL MCFADDEN



I am pleased to report that the good form we began the season with after the Round 1 victory over Marconi, has continued and we remain unbeaten after three rounds.

Our past two games have seen us beat the ACT Academy of Sport 5-0 at Stadium Australia, while last weekend we beat Sydney United Colts 2-0.

We could have won both matches more convincingly but more importantly the players are developing well, with a number already impressing Head Coach David Mitchell.

While I was disappointed we did not take more of the chances in the match against the United Colts, the fact that we were creating so many is an encouraging sign.

Our defence performed very well, not allowing the Colts a shot at goal until near the end of the game.

The level of committmemnt shown by the squad has to applauded and the over-age players continue to set a shining example to their younger teammates.

We play Sydney Olympic Academy this Friday night and I am confident we can make it four wins on the trot.

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SYDNEY UNITED	2	0	1	1	0	9	1
NEWCASTLE BREAKERS	3	0	0	3	0	3	0
NEWCASTLE COLTS	3	0	0	3	3	9	0
WOLVES COLTS	2	0	0	2	2	8	0
UNITED COLTS	3	0	0	3	3	11	0
MARCONI COLTS	2	0	0	2	0	8	0

Power Goalscorers

3	Daniel Kukucka	1	Mark Byrnes
2	Patt Gatt	1	Lachlan Wright
2	Ahmid Elrich	1	Matt Thompson
2	Steve Berry	1	Jon Angelucci

Youth League Results

Parramatta Power 5 bt ACTAS 0
(Gatt 2, Elrich 2, Thompson)

Parramatta Power 2 bt Sydney United Colts 0
(Angelucci, Berry)

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		H/A	Results	Attendance	1. A Crews	2. D Barrett	3. M Santalab	4. S Eagleton	5. R Plesa	6. J Vrkic	7. J Burns	8. W Ardone	9. M Sterjovski	10. J Griffiths	11. S Berry	12. S Laybutt	13. M Blagojevic	14. J Angelucci	15. D Townsend	16. M Byrnes	17. D Kukucka	18. L Campbell	19. M Thompson	20. B Smith	21. A Elrich	23. J Gibson	28. P Bennett
1	Marconi	H	1-1	8021	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	s10	1							s3	s15 1
8	Melbourne Knights	H	2-1	7286	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1 1	1			1 1	s10	s28							s7	1
15	Adelaide Force	A	1-2	6383	1		1	1	1	1	1	1#	1	s5	s23		1		s6							1	1 1
22	Canberra Cosmos	H																									
30	Brisbane Strikers	A																									
5	Gippsland Falcons	H																									
13	Perth Glory	H																									
19	Carlton	A																									
26	Sydney United	H																									
5	South Melbourne	A																									
10	Newcastle	H																									
19	Sydney United	A																									
28	Sydney Olympic	H																									
2	Wollongong	A																									
9	Marconi	A																									
14	Kingz F.C.	A																									
21	Gippsland	H																									
26	Gippsland	A																									
28	Northern Spirit	H																									
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NSL Appearances					37	306	29	18	82	86	60	131	42	31	31	63	157	11	29		2			3		265	104
NSL Goals					0	12	2	1	4	2	5	13	21	8	3	5	2	1	2		0			0		42	5

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MATCH PREVIEW

V CANBERRA COSMOS

With both teams coming off losses last weekend, tonight's match is vitally important in terms of keeping touch with the leaders.

The Power went down to Adelaide Force 2-1, while Canberra suffered another last gasp 1-0 loss, this time to Brisbane.

Canberra, after three seasons of running last in the competition, are keen to put things right this year and with several key signings are already looking like a more competitive outfit. Coach Tom Sermanni did a good job when he took over in the middle of last season and he will certainly get the best out of his players this year.

So after three home games in succession, Canberra travel to the 'Powerhouse' determined to secure a second win for the season.

We talked to Power defender Michael Santalab about tonight's game.

Power Play (PP) - So after three rounds, how would you rate the Power's performances?

Michael Santalab (MS) - So far I would have to say we have performed a little below par. We know we have a lot of room for improvement and I think the results reflect that. We have been performing in patches and need to get more consistency throughout the games. Against Adelaide we probably had more of the play but failed to capitalise on that possession. They hit us with two goals just before half-time which really did the damage. Peter Bennett got us back into it and we were getting on top when Walter Ardone was sent off. Even then we still could have forced an equaliser, so despite losing we could take something positive out of the game.

PP - Is it hard going from part-time to full-time football?

MS - It is harder than most people think. Most of the guys were going from jobs to training last year and you got used to that routine. Now as full-time players, you have a lot more spare time on your hands and that can be daunting if you are not used it. I think some of us have taken longer to get used to it than others but I'm sure everyone is coping well enough now.

PP - Canberra have been wooden spooners for the past three seasons, do you think things will be any different this year?

MS - Seeing their results under Tom Sermanni towards the end of last season, you could tell that things would be different this year. We played them in a pre-season game and they beat us 1-0, so we know they are not going to be easy tonight. They have picked up some very handy players like Alex Castro and Jason Polak, while Robbie Hooker is very experienced and has stiffened up their backline. I understand they have been very unlucky in their two losses and this will only make them even more determined to do well tonight.

PP - Who are their danger players to look out for?

MS - I would say Polak will be their chief playmaker and he will have to be closed down. Castro is very dangerous down the flank, while Ivo De Jesus is a quick and skillful striker. I think from a team point of view, Sermanni will be making sure they keep their shape and not lose their discipline. From our point of view, we have to make sure we concentrate on our own game and if we can do that, then we have a great chance of winning.

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE RESULTS

ROUND 2

PARRAMATTA POWER 2 (STERJOVSKI 21PEN, BLAGOJEVIC 71) BT MELBOURNE KNIGHTS 1 (VUDAKIN 27)

CARLTON 1 DREW GIPPSLAND FALCONS 1, NEWCASTLE BREAKERS 2 DREW WOLLONGONG WOLVES 2, BRISBANE STRIKERS 2 BT ADELAIDE FORCE 1, SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 BT CANBERRA COSMOS 0, SYDNEY UNITED 2 BT FOOTBALL KINGZ 1, SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 BT NORTHERN SPIRIT 0, PERTH GLORY 3 DREW MARCONI STALLIONS 3

ROUND 3

ADELAIDE FORCE 2 (KIM 36, MORI 43) BT PARRAMATTA POWER 1 (BENNETT 53)

NEWCASTLE BREAKERS 2 BT NORTHERN SPIRIT 0, BRISBANE STRIKERS 1 BT CANBERRA COSMOS 0, SYDNEY OLYMPIC 4 BT WOLLONGONG WOLVES 0, GIPPSLAND FALCONS 1 DREW SYDNEY UNITED 1, CARLTON 4 BT MARCONI STALLIONS 0, PERTH GLORY 3 BT MELBOURNE KNIGHTS 0, FOOTBALL KINGZ 1 BT SOUTH MELBOURNE 0

ROUND 3 TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
BRISBANE STRIKERS	3	3	0	0	4	1	9
CARLTON	3	2	1	0	8	1	7
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	3	2	1	0	7	2	7
PERTH GLORY	3	2	1	0	7	3	7
NEWCASTLE BREAKERS	3	1	2	0	6	4	5
PARRAMATTA POWER	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
SYDNEY UNITED	3	1	1	1	3	4	4
WOLLONGONG WOLVES	3	1	1	1	4	7	4
CANBERRA COSMOS	3	1	0	2	3	2	3
SOUTH MELBOURNE	3	1	0	2	3	3	3
NORTHERN SPIRIT	3	1	0	2	2	4	3
ADELAIDE FORCE	3	1	0	2	3	6	3
FOOTBALL KINGZ	3	1	0	2	2	5	3
MARCONI STALLIONS	3	0	2	1	4	8	2
GIPPSLAND FALCONS	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
MELBOURNE KNIGHTS	3	0	0	3	1	6	0

NSL LEADING GOALSCORERS

3 ZELJKO BABIC (MARCONI)
3 PABLO CARDOZO (OLYMPIC)
3 ANDREW MARTH (CARLTON)
3 CON BOUTSIANIS (PERTH)
2 MARIO JERMAN (SYDNEY UNITED)
2 DANIEL WATKINS (CANBERRA)
2 ALEX MORIERA (CARLTON)
2 ESALA MASI (WOLLONGONG)
2 MICHAEL CURCIJA (STH MELB)
2 PETER BENNETT (POWER)
2 DAMIEN MORI (ADELAIDE)
2 PAUL FOSTER (BRISBANE)
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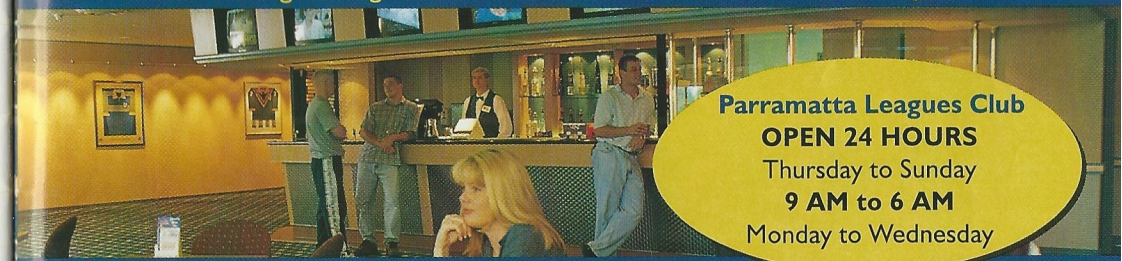

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